

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

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July 16, 2013

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RE:

PROJECT NUMBER R2006-00901-(5)
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 201000034

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 201000074

30375 HASLEY CANYON ROAD, CASTAIC CANYON ZONED DISTRICT

Dear Applicant:

Oak Tree Permit No. 201000034 was considered by Ms. Patricia Hachiya, a Hearing Officer of Los Angeles County, at the regularly scheduled hearing of July 16, 2013.

After considering the evidence presented, the Hearing Officer **denied** the project pursuant to Section 22.56.060 of the Los Angeles County Code (Denial for Lack of Information). A copy of the denial findings is attached.

The applicant or any other interested person may appeal the Hearing Officer's decision to the Regional Planning Commission at the office of the Commission secretary, Room 1350, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. Please contact the Commission secretary for the appeal procedures and fee at (213) 974-6409. **The appeal period for this project will end at 5:00 p.m. on July 30, 2013**. Any appeal must be delivered <u>in person</u> to the Commission secretary by this time. If no appeal is filed during the specified period, the Hearing Officer's action is final.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Tyler Montgomery of the Land Divisions Section of the Department of Regional Planning at (213) 974-6433 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Our offices are closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING

Richard J. Bruckner

Director

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Supervising Regional Planner Zoning Permits West Section

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Enclosure: Findings

FINDINGS OF THE HEARING OFFICER COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROJECT NO. R2006-00901-(5) OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 201000034 ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 201000074

- 1. The Hearing Officer of Los Angeles County, Ms. Patricia Hachiya, considered Oak Tree Permit No. 201000034 at the regularly scheduled hearing date of July 16, 2013.
- 2. The oak tree permit seeks to authorize the encroachment into the protected zone of one oak tree during the expansion of an existing single-family residence. The property is located at 30375 Hasley Canyon Road in the Castaic Canyon Zoned District of unincorporated Los Angeles County.
- 3. The project was filed with the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning ("Regional Planning") on August 19, 2010. In a letter dated August 29, 2011, Regional Planning informed the applicant that additional materials were needed in order to complete the review of the project. An additional letter was sent on May 13, 2013, stating that if these materials were not submitted by June 13, 2013, the case would be scheduled for denial.
- 4. The applicant failed to submit the required materials or contact staff within the required timeframe (30 days), which ended on June 12, 2013. Staff received two phone calls from the applicant's arborist, Richard Ibarra, who indicated that he had informed his client of the situation, but that no action had been taken by them.
- Staff sent a letter to the applicant dated June 17, 2013 informing the applicant that the case would be scheduled before a Hearing Officer for denial due to lack of information on July 16, 2013. Section 22.56.060 of the Los Angeles County Code provides that the Hearing Officer may deny, without public hearing, an application for a conditional use permit if such application does not contain the required information contained in Sections 22.56.030 and 22.56.040 of the Code.
- During the July 16, 2013 Hearing Officer public meeting, staff made a brief presentation summarizing the process for denial of a project due to inactivity. The project applicant was not present. There were no testifiers in support of or in opposition to the project.

THEREFORE, in view of the findings of fact presented above, **Oak Tree Permit No. 201000034 is DENIED.**